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## Protest Against New Fire Rate

NSURANCE men estimate that the new basis of rate making will result in increasing premiums in this city by 40 percent to 100 percent. The mayor's statement before the city council yesterday was a forceful presentation of the case against the rate makers. He outlined in telling fashion the course of argument that would be used by a committee of business men from this city protesting before the state rating board against the key rate applied to this city.

The time to take up this matter is right now. Delays are dangerous. The El Paso rate has not yet been even officially published and the information that came here was advance information-which fortunately gives us time to lodge our protest with likelihood of its receiving attention.

The chamber of commerce and other organizations of business men and property owners in this city should take action immediately and prepare to send a strong representative committee to Austin to present our claims to the state board. It is the opinion of the mayor and of many insurance men and business men that this city has not had credit for all of the improvement work that has been carried on since 1905, when the last report was made.

It appears from a study of the rating book that the key rates of cities as well as the final rates on individual risks are made through a mathematical process of adding or deducting certain percentages according to the presence of additional risks or additional safeguards. As to the plea made in some quarters that El Paso should not be forced to share the burdens due to defective conditions in other Texas cities, that position is not quite tenable; the whole science and practice of fire insurance are based on a sharing of burdens. When San Francisco was destroyed every community in the civilized world helped to contribute, through fire insurance, towards the city's restoration. If El Paso should burn, we would expect Fort Worth, Houston, and Dallas to contribute through the fire insurance reserve to this city's restoration, just as we should expect Chicago, New York, Denver, Los Angeles, and every other city to contribute-not directly, of course, in the way of donations, but through the system of fire insurance, which is after all merely a distribution of the risk and burdens.

The argument that El Paso should not pay any more for premium than it sustains in losses year by year is also untenable; such an argument might be applied with equal reason to the individual property owner, leading to a manifest absurdity; for every individual goes on paying his premium year after year without perhaps sustaining any fire loss in half a century. He is paying for protection just as the city is paying for protection, and not with an expectation of collecting back each it equal to or greater than the sum he pays in in premiur insurance, in other words, is in no sense an investment, but merely a "chipping in" by a large number of individuals to help repair the losses of a few individuals. A loss by fire is an absolute loss-a final destruction of wealth. When a man collects insurance money, it does not make good the loss; it merely distributes the burden and the same man who collects a fire insurance policy today will be contributing perhaps the next 20 years to pay the losses of thousands of other policy holders-

The situation calls for a vigorous presentation of facts and sound reasoning before the state rating board. Violent talk will avail nothing, neither will resolutions and letters of protest. The business men of El Paso must take action without delay to secure a hearing of El Paso's case at Austin before the final rating books are made up.

Old Mother Nature has been arrested at Roswell, N. M., for violating the Sunday law. She manufactured ice on the Sabbath day.

Already several conventions have been set to be held in El Paso fair week. November 1 to 7. El Paso's second annual fair will be twice as good and twice as well attended as was her first.

The Herald has extended its circulation area clear up into Oklahoma along the Rock Island road. There are few papers in the country with a wider area of distribution than the El Paso Herald covers.

### The Great Underground Reservoir

CETTLERS in the Sulphur Springs valley near Douglas are actively at work trying to get the government interested in a project for watering the valley through developing the underground sources. One who has made a thorough study of the situation says that cowmen develop water by digging ditches from low ground to high ground, putting in wells at the end of the ditches and letting the water run into the low ground. He says water is so near the surface in many places that it is struck by mere postholes.

The Sulphur Springs valley is one of the best districts for successful dry farming, and it will be a rich agricultural country when the underground water

March 18 was Arbor day in New Mexico. The children at Alamogordo were given a half holiday and planted 239 trees, 258 roses, 160 vines and shrubs, 55 bulbs, and 198 lots of flower seeds. One hundred children reported that they had cleaned up their yards. Such an institution is worth a good deal in the proper education of the youngsters.

Douglas, Ariz., has a curfew law. The fire whistle blows at 8 oclock every night and little boys and girls are supposed to be at home by that hour; if not they are escorted home by the police. Little boys and girls run around this town at all hours during the night; what we need, however, is not a curiew law, but better trained parents.

It is told of judge Benedict, of New Mexico, that at one time in sentencing a prisoner to death for murder, he used the following remarkable language, which has now become famous among members of the legal profession: "The court was about to add, 'May God have mercy upon your soul;' but the court will not assume the responsibility of asking an all-wise Providence to do that which a jury of your peers has refused to do. It might be well for you to send for your priest and get from him such consolation as you can, but the court advises you to place no reliance upon anything of the kind."

The Moriarty (N. M.) Messenger thus portrays in picturesque language speaker Cannon's alleged downfall: "The rules committee has been the mainstay of the great boss; the speaker's cat's paw, the great pigeon hole in fact. By taking the naming of the committee away from the speaker, the house has destroyed Cannon's power to throttle legislation." That famous rules committee must truly be a remarkable animal, to be at one and the same time a mainstay a cat's paw, and a pigeonhole. It would be a good idea to buy this beast for mayor Sweeney's Washington park 200,

# F TNCLE WALT'S Denatured Poem

Now my weary heart is breaking, for my left hand tooth is aching, with a harsh, persistent rumble that is keeping follows. long erosion, it, with spasm and explosion, seems resolved to show the publie how a dog-gone tooth can ache. Now it's quivering or quaking; now it's doing fancy aching, then it shoots some Roman candles which go whizzing through my brain; now it does some lofty tumbling, then again it's

merely grumbling; and anon it's showing samples of spring novelties in pain. All the time my woe increases; I have kicked a chair to pieces, but it didn't seem to soothe me or to bring my soul relief; I have stormed

around the shanty till my wife and maiden auntic said they'd pull their freight and leave me full enjoyment of my grief. I have made myself so pleasant that I'm quarantined at present, and the neighbors say they'll shoot me if I venture from my door; now a voice cries: "If thou'd wentest in the first place, to a dentist-" it is strange that inspiration never came to me before!

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Walk Mason

To-

day

(From The Herald of this date, 1896) MAN IS KILLED NEAR FABENS

W. T. Kitchens today called a convention of the Republican city executive committee to meet at the court-

The wind was blowing at the rate of 40 mlles an hour at 2 oclock this morn-ing and the temperature had dropped to 37 ½ at 6 oclock. Trains from the east are delayed and fruit trees down the valley have been damaged, though no damage has been reported in the

Chief engineer H C. Lowrie of the White Oaks road has returned from a five weeks' surveying trip to Salada, which is 55 miles up the road.

J. W. Anderson, of Hazelton, Kans. was found dead beside the G. H. railroad track three-quarters of a mile east of Fabens. There was no evidence of his having been struck by a train and it is believed he was riding a freight last night and fell off.

temporarily abandoned pending the arrival of eight inch casing pipe from the The lowest bidders for the construc

tion of a hay barn at Fort Bliss are: R. C. Baker and G. L. Hitt. Santa Fe freight trains are now be ng made up according to tonnage instead of the number of cars. D. P. Stewart has bought Sarah F.

Nairn's house on North El Paso street Samuel Shutz is erecting a porch in

front of the water company's offices on San Francisco street. Judge Magoffin and B. G. Thomas are experiencing considerable difficulty in securing data regarding the needs of a dam here, to be forwarded to Washing-

Metal market; Silver, 68%c; lead, \$3;

# Another Plea For the Dog

I was glad to read such a letter written by "A Woman Citizen," as appeared in Tuesday's Herald. She is right; that "wild and wooly" episodes of the reckless shooting of dogs two years ago is, and will be, a blot on El Paso as long as remembered. Pet dogs were snatched from chil-

while their little owners were forced to look on in heartbroken terror. Life is dear to all living creatures, ven the tiniest insect. An effort is being made to revive interest in the mates that \$1000 a year will maintain

tention to all reported cases of cruelty Surely, by the united efforts of those e raised with a population of 50,000.

Herald's plea for the betterment of humane conditions.

through a storm of oaths and abuse

Often this inhumanity is due to ignorance or carelessness, and frequent Humane society. The secretary esti- ly when these drivers are made to understand the cruelty, they are easily inthis society. It will pay a salary to a duced to a more humane treatment of person who can give both time and at- their animals.

and sufficient funds to prosecute if ground so perfectly it is well worth nterested, that amount ought easily to freeze and starve, please take notice, and if such heartless neglect is re-With a society well established there peated this year, just follow out some will be no further difficulty. A num- of the very good suggestions and "reach

A Member of the H. S.

## Our Pets In **Need of Charity**

By Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

The following letter has been re ceived from Brooklyn relative to a matter which has occupied the attention of humane minded people for many years, and which has caused pain and indignation in many communities, each season, when the exodus of summer and winter resorters takes place:

"A woman in this neighborhood has a nice little daughter, and a fine dark brown cat, a thorough house pet, timid to a degree as to noises.

"The girl loved and fed it, petted it, protected it from weather and neighboring cats, and seemed to love it dearly. But when the girl is away the woman is very unkind to the cat. She is one of these thin, long nosed women who clean house incessantly and always has a broom in her hand.

"In April she turned the poor cat with the broom, shut doors and windows, and kept her out during the cold rain storms that persisted at that time. The yard has not a board or cloth of shelter, four walls with the first to reach the pockets. place for grass plat in the center and the clothes poles.

Being a house pet the cat knew

the extreme. "I wrote the woman a little note, season and left the petted animal to very kind, saying that whenever she become a homeless tramp. was going away, or for any reasons er to the Humane society, whose ad- ary to be chloroformed. dress I enclosed, adding a few words were doing all in their power to care about the animal to make the effort. for the poor, dependent creatures.

"No change was made, and the weather growing more severe, sleep broken by thought of the little suferer. I accepted a trip away, in the tope that something would happen before return. On return, the daughter thing, so they must suffer from ill use was there, petting, feeding; open doors and neglect in later incarnations, it From Beaumont (Texas) Journal. and caressing continued, and I supposed that ended it. (Although restored, the poor little animal bore evident marks of suffering and fear.)

"A few days ago the daughter again eft, and the cat is again thrown out f house and home. Now the woman and her husband have gone off somewhere, the house is shut up (temporarily, evidently) and here is the beginning of the third day.

What can be done in such a case? The law can come in if a mother is bad to her child. The society cares for cats if taken to them; they do not call, and indeed would have no real eason in this case, as the cat is suposed to be cared for.

would so treat a poor dependent creature would commit crime-that mals, but you are helping make the she will one day have certain pun- human beings of the earth nearer the water at Port Lobos, busy times are ishment for this crueity, that she will divine standard.

We lovers of animals admire the courage of one splendid El Paso wo-

man who has gone fearlessly into the work. She relieves the tired and aching necks of horses, held high with that cruel check rein; she forgets for the time her ill health and household dudren's arms and shot at their very feet, ties, and sits on the curb if necessary from the driver until that overloaded wagon is lightened to some extent.

I enclose a clipping which covers the reprinting. Those who left their "summer pets" at Cloudcroft last year to ber of names have been added, volun- their pockets." tarily, to the present list through The

#### never be happy, but all that does not help the cat. "What would you say to do, and how could such a woman be reached?

She is not of the common or foreign class, but a typical New England housewife—sharpened perhaps by Patti was first recognitrouble, or worry. If not asking too est soprano of her day. much, please give some suggestions through the Evening Journal."

There is nothing which can be done in such a case, unless one goes to the trouble of finding who is the spiritual adviser of such a woman, seeking the man, and trying to awaken him to a sense of his responsibility in the mat-

A movement is now on foot to have an "Animal Sunday" in all the churches of the land.

The idea was suggested by the editors of "Our Dumb Animals," the organ of the Massachusetts S. P. C. A. That great and good man, George T. Angell, is founder of this paper, and for 40 years has been its editor.

"Animal Sunday" in the Pulpits. "Animal Sunday" will be a day when, once a year at least, a sermon will be preached from every pulpit on the duty of man toward his dumb brothers.

a law which will make it a fineable mal uncared for in the manner de- by Circe, and by her changed into a lion. heart of many people it is necessary

Every autumn we remain late at our seashore home, and the beauty of the October days is marred for us by the nothing outside of the place, so simply sight of deserted cats left by summer hung round staring at the house. Her cottagers, who have adopted a kitten pitiful pleading without cry of any in the early summer "because our kind, and her fruitless trials to push children 80 love pets," and who have doors and windows, was pathetic in heartlessly gone back to their town houses at the beginning of the school

It would be tenfold more merciful to wanted to get rid of her cat, to send take such a pet to the nearest veterin-

To find a home for a cat or dog is to stir her pity, and that the societies often possible if any one cares enough An We Sow, We Shall Reap.

Could such people be taught the law of Cause and Effect, which is named "Karma:" and learn the fact that, as they sow they must reap; and as they misuse, illtreat or neglect any living would help along the reform.

But while they are waiting for these results the poor cats and dogs are suffering; and all we can do about it is to keep agitating the subject until perhaps between law and the clergy, and the newspapers, the day may arrive when there is no self respecting man or woman who will abuse (through commission of cruelty or ommission of care) the dumb creatures given into

the charge of human beings. Humane education is creeping into the schools; and that will do much toward making children merciful.

You, who read this article, can do your part by setting an example of mercy and thoughtfulness toward ani-"Of course we know that a woman mais and in talking it to others. Not only are you helping the ani-

#### GRAND OPERA: FACTS AND TRUTHS.

ITS ORIGIN AND GROWTH IN THE STATES

By Frederic J. Haskin

HEN the wonderful notes The costumes were trimmed in solid of Tetrazzini's voice echoed gold and silver and the ornaments were through the Manhattan Opera House to the strains of "Lucia di Lam-1,200,000 ecus. mermoor," and the cloying sweetness of Travatore" were heard a: the Metropolitan Opera House, another memorable opera season came to an end in America. It left music lovers not only in New York but in Boston, cago, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington and several other cities further advanced than ever before in their ability

rapld strides as in the last five months. Operatie Octopus. Indeed, so important a factor in the artistic life of America has grand opera of a gigantic combination-an operatic

to appreciate dramatic art set to music Never before in the history of husical

America has grand opera taken such

The ground for these rumors is to be found in the fact that during the season fust closed a magnificent opera house was opened in Boston and before "working agreements" with the Metropolitan Opera House in New York, the millionaires' institution. And only a few weeks ago the press of the east was filled with statements and denials concerning a proposed consolidation or amalgamation of Oscar Hammerstein's

older institution on Broadway. In the discussion of this combination it was stated that some such agreement has become absolutely necessary in order to continue to produce opera adequately in America as the efforts of the rival organizations have become so strenuous that the salarles of Europe's song birds have soared to fabulous figures. As a concrete example it may be stated that Caruso receives \$ for a single performance, while Tetraz-zini, Mary Garden, Mazarin, Bonci, Geraldine Farrar and others are paid sums

which would stagger the average im-presario of Italy, England, France or Germany. The hot competition between the two companies permits artists to demand a certain number of performances each season and the manager has to pay for these performances whether or not he is able to give them during

anteed performances that caused both the Metropolitan and the Manhattan organizations to extend their activities to Philadelphia and other cities.

New York the Center.

New York prides itself upon being the center of operatic apprecaition in America, and the source from which has sprung a national love for dramatic music, but as a matter of fact opera was founded in New Orleans more than half a century before New York had its first gala night. The introduction of opera to America

took place in 1790 when Davis, a French refuge from San Domingo landed in New Orleans and offered opera in the Theater D'Orleans. Soon the news of the success of the venture was carried to France and, as at that time operatic art was almost at a standstill in Paris owing to the upheaval of the French revolution, many of the greatest sing-ers of the day embarked in sailing vessels and after braving storms and seasickness landed in New Orleans, where they were paid handsome salaries for the work.

In 1835 a home for opera was built and in the Crescent City this was used until 1859 when the present French Opera House on Bourbon street was erected. This building, which is still being used, was where the great Patti was first recognized as the great- he has no system of book-keeping. He deposits what he gets in the bank, and Origin of the Opera.

As compared with other forms of entertainment and education in the theater, grand opera is a comparatively recent institution. It is true that the Greeks are supposed to have recited their tragedies to a sort of chant, and that the Romans did likewise, but opera as we know it had its birth in the 16th have been money losers.

Of course it did not spring full grown like Minerva from the brow of me Jove-like composer, but was preceded by what have been termed ionitory symptoms," one of the most interesting of which was a grand ballet organized by the Piedmontese violinia known as Balthasar de Beaujoyeulx This ballet he called "Circe, ou le ballet comique de la Reine" and it was given on Sunday, Oct. 15, 1581, in the Palais du Petit-Bourbon in honor of the marriage of the queen's sister.

The plot of this "premonitory symptom" is of interest in comparison with Meantime, the S. P. C. A. and the the elaborate stories of present-day humane association ought to work for opera. A gentleman hastening to announce the reign of peace and plenty to offence for any woman to leave an ani- his most Christian majesty is waylaid scribed above. To reach the mind and Half the gods and goddesses of Olympus try to liberate him but all means fail until the royal word works the charmall a very palpable compliment to the king.

However crude this work may have been, our modern presentations do not approach it in the magnificent settings quests, and the cost of this first production.

real gems. The ancient chroniclers say that the cost of the production was eye as son strolls in.

If this meant silver eous it amounted to \$720,000; if gold \$1,200,000. All the same p Tetrazzinis, Nordicas, Meibas, Carusos, spring. Slezaks and Farrars in the chorus could "There's no good reason why he not total such a sum for a single performance! "There's no good reason why he should interfere," Father protests, turning over the pages of "Every Back The world's first simon-pure opera" Yard a Gold Mine if You Knew How to

vas "Dafne," the libretto by Rinuccini and the music by Peri. The performance was given in Corsi's palace, Florence, and the production, which was private, was either in 1595 or 1597, authoritles differing on this point. dice" with the libretto by Rinuccini and music by Peri and Caccini, is generally supposed to have been the first serious become that it is now being viewed as litalian opera given a public performancial asset and there are rumers ance. This was at the Pitti palace Oct. 6, 1600, and the occasion was the marriage of Maria de Medici to Henry IV of France.

Schools of Opera. There are many schools of opera and the rivalry among them often becomes the baton waves again in New York there will be a similar institution in Chicago. Both of these are to have the German or Wagnerian school at the Metropolitan Opera House.

These reports became so numerous that the board of directors finally had to give out a formal denial. At the Man-hattan Opera House Mr. Hammerstein confines himself to the French and Manhattan Opera organization with the Italian operas and he is particularly partial to the modern French school represented by Massenet, composer of "Manon," "The Juggler of Notre Dame," "Thais" and other works almost equally

But this rivalry among the lovers of the different schools is as child's play in America compared with the riotous times which have been experienced on the continent. In Paris, for example, when Wagner's "Lohengrin" was produced in 1891 the scenes in and around the opera house were most shameful. The French people at that time were still extremely bitter in their feeling against all things German, as a result the quotation triumphantly. of their crushing defeat in the Franco Prussian war. As soon as the plan to produce

"Lohengrin" was made public there was a great protest and many of the singers, thinking that discretion was the better part of-valor, became "ill" and delayed the performance many times. On the night that it was finally pro duced there were almost as many policemen in the opera house as there were auditors. The conductor, M. Lamoureux, carried a pistol in his pocket as well as a baton in his hand. The audience came provided with ammunition, not stale vegetables and eggs, but small balloons filled with evil smelling gases which were released. These floated through the house making the place almost unbearable. Outside the cavalry had to clear the streets of

Composing and Management.

The work of composing operas is a gigantic undertaking and as a rule involves years of labor. Of course there have been exceptions. There was Han del, for example, who composed "Rinaldo" in 14 days while Rossini composed "The Barber of Seville" in 13 days and Pacini wrote "Saffo" in four weeks, But in comparison Wagner's labor of 20 years on the "Meistersinger" and the

"Ring" may be mentioned. Opera management and opera composition are not nearly so lucrative as opera singing. The Metropolitan Opera company each year has a big deficit which is met by the millionaire direc-

Oscar Hammerstein is said to be more fortunate. It is told of the latter that draws his checks. If he has anything left in the bank at the end of the sea son he knows that it has been a profitable year; if he has to replenish his opera funds from a private account he knows that he has lost, but he does not know except in a vague way which operas have been profitable and which

Carnso's Income. Caruso is said to receive \$200,000 a ear from the Metropolitan Opera comcany and Patti claims to have received \$6000 a night for two seasons of 60

Even in the good old days of Janes Lind divas were not underpaid. Here is a copy of the Lind contract with Mr. Lumley in 1846: "An honorarium of \$24,000 for the season, April 14-August 20; a furnished house, carriage, and pair of horses; a sum of \$1500 should she desire to have a preliminary holiday in Italy: liberty to cancel her engagement should she feel dissatisfied after her first appearance and an agreemen not to sing elsewhere for her own

Humored and petted and lionized as they are, grand opera stars often develop idiosyncrasies which they characterize as the outgrowth of temperaculiar ways of making itself manifest Handel on one occasion caught a prima ionna by the scruff of the neck and hung her suspended in mid-air out of a window until she acceded to his re-Tomorow-The Oyster.

# With The Exchanges

From Beaumont (Tex.) Enterprise.

Mexico is to enter the lists as a competitor of Texas in growing Bermuda

LOVETT'S "RED TIE."

Even after the El Paso Herald had put a red necktie on judge Lovett, he simply smiled and refused to say anything for publication.

IN DRY SEASON? From Mexico City Record,

The international boundary commison has no monopoly on being the only persons who have not been able to discover through what part of El Paso the Rio Grande meanders

BUSY TIMES AHEAD.

From Tucson (Ariz.) Star. Track laying in southern Pima promises to be quite the thing this coming summer. With the Calabasas connection made, the El Paso & Southwestern heading this way and the Silver Bell road reaching in the direction of deep COUNT THEM ALL.

From Silver City (N. M.) Independent, As the census enumerators report, so will Silver City rank among the cities of the territory and nation for the next ten years. It is therefore important that its secure a full and fair count.

"HELLO" EVERYWHERE.

From Alamogordo (N. M.) News. The purchase of the Alamogordo Line Telephone company's holdings by the Tristate, of El Paso, is laying the foundation for a telephone service which eventualiz will be unsurpassed. We soon can say "hello" to everybody

THE HERALD'S ENTERPRISE.

From Deming (N. M.) Graphic The El Pase Herald was the only outside paper that took enough interest in the organization of our chamber of commerce and the proposition to bring the Mimbres valley more promi-nently before the people of the entire country, to send a representative here to report our big get-together meeting of last Wednesday night. Thursday's Herald gave a full and complete report of our new organization.

## Brightside and His Boy

"City Farmers Sowing Oats in Brond-wny," Their Lutest Tabloid Sxetch. By Lafayette Parks.

••Id like to try this back yard farm-ing idea," begins Brightside, with an optimistic gleam in his

"Nobody to stop you but the janitor," tersely remarks Son, who has heard the same proposition from his parent every

Work It. "That's why he'll probably butt in advises Son, who is a trifle pes-

simistic about his father's ability as



WHY LOOK FOR PEACHES ON BROAD-WAY WHEN YOU CAN RAISE ROTATOES IN YOUR OWN BACKYARD?

"This book tells about a woman who had a dozen tomato plants on her roof. 'Her family ate the fruit all summer," Father continues, reading from the volume, "'and in the fall she canned the surplus, selling it to high class stores for \$50. Thus, for a few hours' work the table was supplied with this lusclous vegetable and the thrifty house-wife had \$50 pin money," Father closes

Son pauses in the act of taking a puff on his cigaret to look over his sire to see if he is in earnest. "On the level, Dad, does that 'What

you can't eat you can' dope appeal to you?" he queries in amazement. "Why, it says so right here in the book," Father declares, turning over the pages to prove his statement in cold type.

"I fall for the can part, all right, Pop. I never yet saw a roof or a back yard that didn't have a bunch of old tomato cans wailting for the stage goat to arrive."

"I see no reason to doubt the state-ment." Father argues. "It seems easily possible to me. Of course, to one who knows nothing of the possibilities of farming," he explains with apologetic pride in his first hand knowledge, "the idea that money grows out of the "I've seen ginks walking up Broad-way with their lamps gived on the sideway with their lamps glued on the side-

walk expecting to pick up money, but I never heard of one landing a buck," Son asserts. "Is this back yard cush real or stage?" he asks with thinly veiled skepticism. "As a matter of fact," Father continues, neatly sidestepping the leading question, "all the wealth of the world originally comes from the soil. If city folks only appreciated the possibilities

in a small patch of ground they could raise most of their vegetables and keep down living expenses." "What a chance," exclaims Son. "Why stroll on Broadway looking for peaches

you can raise potatoes in your own back vard?" "Garden truck grows while one sleeps, too," Father asserts as an added ad-

vantage. "There's too much going on nights in New York back yards that might take the tomatoes' minds off their work. Between the cat concerts and the jantter's declarations of war there'd be mighty little time left for the farm to get busy handing out the vegetables, says Son.

"Beans, cucumbers, lettuce and other

things that grow fast can be raised in the back yard." Father continues, "From taxicabs to gilded Broadway has a long list of fast growing propositions that'll push the back pard farm off the map of little old Manhattan," retorts Son.

"Well," declares Father, firm in his resolution, "I'm going to buy seed to-morrow for planting. If city folks knew the recreation they could get by sowing garden seed and harvesting the vegetables, they would take it up as a

"It is evident, Father that you don't know this town as well as you might," explains Son. "As an amusement seed sowing has every other line beaten to a pulp along Broadway." What do they sow?" Father wants

to know

her chief assets.

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"Mostly untamed cats, Pop," con-

TOURISTS AS ASSETS. From San Antonio Light-Gazette. The protection of the tourists is one of San Antonio's chief obligations. If the tourist is slighted, not made comfortable and inducements to remain be lacking, that city that aims to be a tourist resort will soon be rudely awakened. The pocketbook will shrink and the ho-tels and boarding houses cease to be prosperously crowded. If San Antonio does not protect her tourists by eliminating the dust she will imperil one of

#### "GAMBLING AT JUAREZ"

From Dallas News. It is becoming unfashionable for Americans to play the keno game in people make every legitimate effort to Juarez, and without El Paso patronage the games must close. A very large sum in cash has been drained out of EI Paso every month during the continuance of these games. Our merchants and business men should employ every legitimate/means to discourage the keno habit among the people of this side; such action as has already been taken is merely in the line of self-preservation.-El Paso Herald.

Citizens of El Paso can, of course, do nothing politically to break up the gam bling games at Juarez, the latter city being in foreign territory. But if em-ployers on the Texas side will forbid their employes to patronize the gamblers, and resolutely discharge any one who disobeys, the "sports" will be put out of business. Gambling is a mean, insidious and disgraceful habit, ruinous to the young and dangerous to legitivictions and clean morals must be depended upon to put it down for the safety of the youth of El Paso,